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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 034

AMEMBASSY ACCRA PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L L O M E 2814

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, TO, DM

SUBJ: ALLEGED DETENTION OF US CITIS IN NORTHERN DAHOMEY

REF: A) COTONOU 1950 B) COTONOU 1947

1. INFORMANT SAID ALL PAPERS AND POSSESSIONS CONFISCATED BY BENINESE AUTHORITIES WHEN ARRESTED. HE CLAIMED TRAVELLING OVERLAND FROM CAR TO OUAGADOUGOU ON BUSINESS FOR PAN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. SAID HE DECIDED CROSS BENIN TO "SEE COUNTRY" AND CLAIMED HE ARRESTED THERE ON CHARGES ESPIONAGE. SUBJECT SAID AMERICANS ADVISED HIM PROCEED

HERE RATHER THAN OUAGADOUGOU AS IT WOULD PROVE QUICKER. HE CLAIMS HE TRAVELLED GENERALLY SOUTHWESTWARD FROM DJOUGOU TO SOKODE (TOGO) CROSSING FRONTIER SOMEWHEREBETWEEN. SAID BECAUSE HE WAS ALLOWED BY PRB

AUTHORITIES TO WORK AND STROLL IN CAMP GROUNDS AMERICANS URGED HIM ATTEMPT ESCAPE AS IT WOULD PROVE EASIER DUE FACT HE FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN. NO MENTION MADE OF ANY PAYMENTS BY AMERICANS NOR DID INFORMANT

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE FROM EMBOFF HERE.

2. INFORMANT SAID HE WOULD TRAVEL LOME-ACCRA TO SEEK ASSISTANCE PAN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICE LATTER CITY. WE SAW NO REASON  
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REQUEST HE REMAIN HERE IN VIEW APPARENT CREDIBILITY STORY AND DESTITUTE

CONDITION.

3. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED ALL DETAILS EPISODE WITH CONSUL ROGERS. NOTE  
FROM ALLEGED DETAINEES, WRITTEN BY DOTSON, AND PHOTO OF RASKIN POUCHED

DIRECT COTONOU EARLIER TODAY.

4. FOR ACCRA: CAN YOU VERIFY EXISTENCE LOCAL OFFICE PAN AFRICAN  
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION AND PASS RESULTS YOUR INQUIRY COTONOU.  
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